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RE: Comments on Revised Permit Application #: PLAT18-0007; Project Name: Gunshy Manor; Parcel No: 082506-9012, all (082506) 9013, 9067, 9102, 9103, 9104, 9105; Project Location: on the east side of 196th Ave. NE (aka Red Brick Road); Applicant: The Estate of Barbara J. Nelson

Dear Ms. Claussen:

I am concerned that the Gunshy Manor Project may have a permanent negative effect on the protected King County natural area that it abuts, which is counter to the interests of the people of King County, which you have an obligation to serve. I submit these comments in response to the notice of revised application for Permit Application #: PLAT 18-0007, submitted by the Estate of Barbara J. Nelson. I have recently learned of the open SEPA comment period, extending through September 11, 2019.

In response to this comment period, and in light of the EPA letter of July 17, 2018 that shows credible evidence of an unpermitted landfill containing hundreds of thousands of cubic yards of demolition debris and hazardous substances directly adjacent to the proposed building site. I bring to the County's attention that the US EPA Superfund & Emergency Management Division are currently conducting a Preliminary Assessment at Gunshy Manor, including identification and sampling of private wells downgradient of the affected site. I contest that it is in the best interest of the people of King County to await the conclusions of this EPA study prior to the granting of any permission to execute the Gunshy Manor project. To allow progression of this project could expose the county to grievances from the Federal Government and the People of King County, including those that purchase property on the site. This could result in significant fines against the County, at the expense of the taxpayer.

My personal interest in this matter comes from my belief that an historical salmon run can be restored in this natural area. I am currently studying this possibility with experts in the field. I would raise the salmon to an appropriate age (b) (6), and release the salmon in the creek that passes through the reserve. In the past, the EPA has found pollutants in the water of the creek, likely from the illegal landfill that has been taking place over the years, so that the developers can 'reclaim' the wetland for their profit. Any further degradation of the environment would likely prevent the success of my salmon restoration project, or the continuance of the natural area to sustain other life forms.

I understand that the developers have long ties to Redmond, and own considerable holdings in the city. My hope is that they would be satisfied with what they have and not further degrade this natural area, which belongs to the people of the County you serve.

Sincerely,

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